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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Police officials, I suppose, are entitled to possess guns by virtue of their holding the office."

Malnad area villages.

* 2027 *Q.*—SRI K. UPPI (on behalf of Sri K. M. Seethi Sahib) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the answer given to a supplementary to Question No. 88 on 7th December 1954 the names of the villages in Ernad and Walluvanad taluks, which are included in the Malnad area ; and

(*b*) the steps taken for the development of these villages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Attapady village of Walluvanad taluk and the Nilambur village of Ernad taluk in the Malabar district are included in the Malnad area.

" (*b*) A statement[a] showing the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the development of those villages in the Malnad area is placed on the table of the House."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" In view of the fact that some of the villages which deserve to be included in the Malnad area such as Kezikan panambara, Karyana and Changaroth in Kurumbranad taluk, are not actually included, will the Government see that they are also included? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI :—" When was the Report of the Member submitted to the Government and how long will the Government take to go through it and pass orders on the recommendations? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not have with me information regarding the date when the Report was submitted to us. Perhaps it was submitted to us a few months back. But the Government have to consider the various items referred to in that Report and it must take some time."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" With regard to the measures taken by the Government for the development of the Malnad area, some suggestions from the officials were circulated to some of us, the Members, and a meeting was convened, but unfortunately the meeting was not held. As a result of that, the suggestions of the officials were not discussed and in most of the areas of Malnad those recommendations were not known. In view

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 838–839 *infra*.

of these facts, will the Government see that before the scheme of development of the Malnad area is implemented, the legislators especially those coming from Malabar are given an opportunity to submit their suggestions and discuss those proposals which are going to be implemented? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall consider that suggestion."

Small-pox in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar.

* 2028 *Q*.—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons in Kurumbranad taluk, Malabar, were attacked by small-pox from 1st October 1954 till now;

(*b*) how many of them died; and

(*c*) what steps the Government have taken to prevent the spread of the disease?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) 345 persons up to 26th March 1955, Sir.

" (*b*) 129 persons.

" (*c*) Preventive measures such as vaccinations and re-vaccinations, house isolation and disinfection of houses, clothing and other materials were carried out. Educative lectures were given on preventive measures. Patients were treated with carbolised vaseline and sulphanomide ointment. Achromycene and Penicillin injections were given where necessary. Rice and rice gruel and milk powder were distributed to the deserving. "

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that small-pox is still prevalent in some of the villages in Kurumbranad taluk and whether the Government will make any inquiry into the matter? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are a few stray cases of small-pox in Malabar, but not anywhere else. There has been no infection in the Badagara Panchayat since the 1st February 1955."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Is it a fact that the Public Health Department had not taken sufficient steps to prevent the spread of the disease in the interior parts of the taluk and may I know whether there were no sufficient transport facilities? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Whatever steps were necessary were promptly taken."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The casualities could have been very much reduced had the Government and the local